

MERCURY GENERAL CORP  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**STALICK THEODORE R**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**MERCURY GENERAL CORP  
 [MCY]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**4484 WILSHIRE BLVD.**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/17/2006**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**CFO-Vice President**

**LOS ANGELES, CA 90010**

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock					471	I	ESOP Plan
Common Stock	05/17/2006		M	3,500 A \$ 22.0625	3,500	D	
Common Stock	05/17/2006		S	3,500 D \$ 58.65	0	D	
Common Stock	05/17/2006		M	4,000 A \$ 29.77	4,000	D	
Common Stock	05/17/2006		S	4,000 D \$ 58.65	0	D	

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Common Stock	\$ 51.43					10/29/2005 10/29/2014	Commo Stock	7,500
Common Stock	\$ 42.3091					08/07/1999 08/07/2008	Common Stock	5,000
Common Stock	\$ 22.0625	05/17/2006		S	3,500	12/10/2000 12/10/2009	Common Stock	3,500
Common Stock	\$ 29.77	05/17/2006		S	4,000	10/27/2001 10/27/2010	Common Stock	4,000
Common Stock	\$ 41.56					10/26/2002 10/26/2011	Common Stock	5,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STALICK THEODORE R 4484 WILSHIRE BLVD. LOS ANGELES, CA 90010			CFO-Vice President	

## Signatures

Judy Walters, Attorney-In-Fact for Theodore Stalick  
05/18/2006

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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